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## COULD LINCOLN AGAIN COME AMONG US

No greater truth was ever uttered than that which has been credited to Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator and lamented president of the United States, touching upon prohibition, when he said:

"Prohibition will work great injury to the cause of temperance. It is a species of intemperance within itself, for it goes beyond the bounds of reason, in that it attempts to control a man's appetite by legislation and makes a crime out of things that are not crimes. A prohibition law strikes a blow at the very principles on which our government is so founded."

No one ever expressed a greater truth than the above. We see the folly of national and state prohibition every day, and we see courts presided over by narrow-minded men who set themselves up as greater saviors of our country than our martyred president proved himself to be on all occasions.

If Abraham Lincoln was alive in this day, and could witness the great injustice that is following in the wake of prohibition, he would no doubt shudder at the very thought of the turn of events. If he could see the disaster that has followed since the adoption of the eighteenth amendment, he would turn over in his grave, and utter an everlasting appeal to the people of this country to undo the great harm that has been done by the enforcement of the Volstead act.

Abraham Lincoln would be chagrined could he look upon the multitude of drug addicts that now confront this country and menace its social life, a vast majority of the fallen people having fallen from grace through national prohibition. Could he be taken on a sight-seeing trip through the towns and cities in the wake of this dastardly measure, he would gladly drop off again to his everlasting sleep, unless he thought he could improve conditions by taking the reins in hand and enlighten the populace of the great injustice that has been done this nation through the destruction of the intellect of so many and the debasing of sound ideas of justice.

Would that Abraham Lincoln might come among us again if only for a short time, until he could tell the people—the believers in him—what he thought of national prohibition.

## NATIONAL FOREST HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

Expenditures totaling \$166,000 of national forest highway funds for the construction and repair of 24 miles of roads in Nevada have just received the approval of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. This money was made available for roads serving the national forests and for roads within or adjacent to the forests, which are of primary importance to states, counties and communities. The amount approved by the secretary will be allotted to two roads in the Tiyoabe national forest in Lander county and one in the Nevada national forest in White Pine county.

Ninety-six thousand dollars will be expended on the survey and construction of eight miles of the Elkhorn road, one of the main east and west routes through Nevada, and \$10,000 for repairs to the 12 miles of highway between Austin and the Big Smoke valley road. Both projects

are within the Tiyoabe national forest.

In White Pine county, the forest service plans to expend \$60,000 on the Illipah project extending from the east to the west boundaries of the Nevada National forest.

All roads on which the money will be spent are parts of a state highway for which aid from the forest road funds has been requested by the Nevada highway commission.

## PROSPERITY NOT LAGGING

A few days ago the New York Times announced in a special dispatch from Washington that the "Democrats count on lag of prosperity" to win the next house of representatives. Evidently the democrats will not get much encouragement to their hope from the news columns of the Times for, in the same issue that contains the above announcement we find the following headlines:

"Basic Industries Expanded in April."

"Gray Goods Fairly Active."

"Stocks Generally Higher."

"Bonds Continue Strong."

"Sharp Advance in the Specialties."

"St. Paul Reports Net Revenue Gain."

"Spirited Advance in Cotton Prices."

"Demand for Wheat Brisk to the Close."

"American Light and Power Shows Marked Gain in Earnings."

"Activity in Iron, Steel, Lumber and Building."

"Gain in Motor Car Trade."

The above are headlines, only which other headlines are placed we find the information that there were "gratifying March earnings" among the railroads; that increased demand was the incentive for higher prices in the oil, copper and steel stocks, and that the profits of zinc producers were gaining.

In spite of all this favorable news of industrial and business conditions, the managers of the democratic campaign are counting on a "Lag of Prosperity" to win them the congressional elections next November. The democrats have seen the republican administration bring Liberty bonds from 85 cents on the dollar to 100 cents; they have seen the average market price of industrial stocks advance nearly 30 per cent in the past two years, and the average market price of bonds advance more than 25 per cent in the same time; they have seen unemployment greatly reduced; they have seen idle lumber mills start operation; they have seen building permits of about \$60,000,000 in January, 1921, jump to \$140,000,000 in January, 1922; they have seen time loan rates on money drop from 6 and 7 per cent in 1921 to 4 1/4 per cent in 1922; they have seen bank clearings in 9 central reserve cities increase 26 per cent as compared with the corresponding week a year ago—they have seen all these improvements in conditions attested by the financial and commercial columns of the New York Times, an independent democratic paper, and yet these democratic campaign managers hope to win an election because of a supposed "Lag in Prosperity"!

If there were contests in pessimism, the democratic campaign managers would be entitled to the first and all other prizes.

## BOLSHEVİK EFFICIENCY

If the bolshevik government of Russia is designed to put a stop to production, as intimated by the notes of Secretary of State Hughes, it is certainly working at high efficiency in securing low productive power. In 1913 Russia produced 257,000,000 pounds (pood equals 36.1 pounds) of pig iron, 259,000,000 pounds of open-hearth steel, and 214,000,000 pounds of rolled steel. That was under the czaristic regime, which in itself was not very great encouragement to the productive power of the country. But in 1921, under the benign influence of Lenin and Trotsky, the two gentlemen who left East Side New York to escape work and graft on the demoralized Russian nation, that nation produced 7,000,000 pounds of pig iron, 10,000,000 pounds of open-hearth steel, and 12,000,000 pounds of rolled steel. And probably most of that was used by the Russian army. These figures are taken from the bolshevik official press. National control of productive lines in the United States, as advocated by some, and as adopted in part by the previous administration, would make just about the same showing, relatively speaking.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Jack Dempsey has returned to the United States after an extended trip in Europe during which he paid his first visit to the battlefields. Grover Bergdoll still remains in the vicinity of the German front. William G. McAdoo, who quit the treasury when hard work loomed on the horizon, is resting in California. Joe Tumulty remains in Washington and drops in to see some of his hold-over friends in the internal revenue and other bureaus. Daniel G. Roper, who framed the internal revenue regulations while commissioner, is now working the "jokers" for the benefit of clients.

## TRUTH WELL SPOKEN

Bishop Hunting, the head guy of the Episcopal church in Nevada, was here this week and preached, but didn't take up a very big collection, although it was enough for the service rendered.

The bishop is said to have alleged that every newspaper except two in Nevada accepted money to defeat the dry law. He surely couldn't have said such a thing in his sober senses for if he had it would have been a damie.—Manhattan Magnet.

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